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LETTER DATED 30 MARCH 1994 FROM THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A DOCUMENT ENTITLED "BASIC STRUCTURE OF A COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY"

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a document of the Chinese delegation entitled "Basic Structure of a Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty", which was first put forward by the Chinese delegation as an informal paper on 23 February.

I would be grateful if this document could be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament and as a Working Paper of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test Ban.

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Chinese delegation

Basic structure of a comprehensive test-ban treaty

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The Chinese delegation believes the above topics require thorough and painstaking discussion and negotiation in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Nuclear Test

Ban and its two working groups. The delegation is also willing to consider and discuss clauses put forward by other delegations.